



NEWSLETTER

Forty third edition of the Newsletter for: Pleasley, Pleasley Vale
New Houghton and Stoney Houghton.

The religious festivities of Good Friday and Eastertide were early this year in March, now we are in April, has the winter gone? We certainly hope so although the old saying of "Cast not a clout till May is out" should always be remembered as it has been in the past been a dreadful month.

We will also see if one other old saying will come to pass, we will wait and see, that being which blossoms first.
Oak before the Ash the weather will only be a splash.
The Ash before the Oak we will be in for a soak.

April was the second month of the earliest Roman calendar, before Ianuarius and Februarius were added by King Numa Pompilius about 700 BC.

Of course we have April Fools' day on the first day of April. **April Fools' Day** (sometimes called **April Fool's Day** or **All Fools' Day**) is celebrated every year on 1 April by playing practical jokes and spreading hoaxes. The jokes and their victims are called **April fools**. People playing April Fool joke expose their prank shouting **April Fool**.

Geoffrey Chaucer's The Canterbury Tales (1392) contains the first recorded association between 1 April and foolishness.

Queen Elizabeth II's birthday on the 21st. To celebrate this her 90th birthday beacons will be lit throughout the country.
Our Patron Saint, St George's Day is the 23rd, and St Mark's Eve, with its superstition that the ghosts of those who are doomed to die within the year will be seen to pass into the church, falls on the twenty-fourth.

May is the time to dance round the Maypole which is still done in some local villages.
May 2nd is Bank Holiday. The council meeting will be after the parish meeting on May 9th.
The highlight in June will be the Scarecrow Festival on 11th and 12th June. So let's get started making this year's scarecrow.
Father's Day is on the 19th June.

A new notice board has been erected in front of the Verney Institute - the inclement weather has destroyed the old one.

The eucalyptus tree that was causing the problem at New Houghton Community Centre has been removed. The stump of the tree has been drilled and a substance has been injected to kill the roots and this should stop its growth entering the waste pipe from the toilets.

The boundary fence at the side and rear of the community centre has yet to be determined whose responsibility it is, before this can be rectified. There is another tree from a neighbouring property causing a problem which is damaging the upright concrete posts preventing the fence from being erected. Until this tree is removed the fence cannot be erected regardless of whose fence it is.

The removal of the chicane near the end of Newboundmill Lane caused an inconvenience to the residents of Pleasley. Let's hope the inconvenience was worth it, at least there will be no more arguments over right of way by commuters that use this road. The replacement raised portion is of little effect. The potholes on this lane have been reported and should be addressed shortly.

At the January Council meeting it was agreed that the profits from the Scarecrow Festival on June 11th and 12th should be donated to the John Eastwood Hospice that offers respite for cancer patients. Let's hope we have a good turnout.

Three laptop computers are to be replaced for the Open Door Computer Group which is held in the Community Centre in New Houghton.

Batley Lane from Newboundmill Lane to Rowthorne has become a hot spot for fly tipping. Several incidents have been reported of lorries depositing rubbish on this lane. CAN Rangers will now include it in their list of hot spots for weekly checks to try and catch the culprits and prosecute the offenders. It has been suggested that covert cameras be installed at each end of the lane.

It has also been suggested that covert cameras be installed on the recreation ground to catch dog walkers not picking up after their dogs have desecrated the area with dog faeces. The offenders would be heavily fined.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 PARISH of PLEASLEY

NOTICE of ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT-

The Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting for the above Parish will be held in the Verney Institute, 13 Newboundmill Lane NG19 7PL, on Monday 9th May 2016 at 7pm.

Such persons only as are registered as local Government electors for the Parish of Pleasley will be entitled to speak at the meeting, but the meeting is open to the public during the proceedings unless the Parish Meeting by resolution otherwise directs.

The business to be transacted at the meeting will be as follows;-

AGENDA

Annual Parish Meeting.

1. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Announce Precept.
4. Public Forum.

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Pauline Bowmer



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CONSULTATION ON SUBSIDISED BUSES LAUNCHED.

Derbyshire County Council is consulting on proposals to cut its funding for subsidised local bus services. This means these services could be withdrawn. (23B & 53A locally)

Passengers can have their say on these cuts by taking part in this consultation.

Complete the consultation questionnaire online at **www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transportchanges** Closing date for response is **Sunday 24th April.**

Tell us what you think about our proposal for subsidised local buses and community transport services.

We are protecting frontline services and vulnerable people as much as we can, supporting businesses and the voluntary sector and protecting local jobs. But the size of the cuts mean we have no choice about scaling back most of the services we provide - particularly when, by law, we do not have to provide them.

It will mean many of these services we provide will change and some will stop altogether. Legally we do not have to provide subsidised local buses or community transport Dial-a-Bus (DAB) shopping buses.

Local residents are being asked their views on proposals to stop paying for local bus services and community transport to help us deal with the biggest budget cuts in our history.

By 2020, the funding from central government is expected to be more than a third less in 2010. This means we need to review what we spend on paying for local bus services which don't carry enough passengers to be run commercially - subsidised buses - and the amount of money we give to Derbyshire's six community transport schemes to Dial-a-Bus (DAB) 'shopping buses'. We are already scaling back on our support for DAB services meaning that from this year the council will fund one of these trips a week for every community, town or village, to a nearby town or supermarket. Some areas currently have several services a week.

But we are now putting forward further proposals to help save £4.4m on transport costs.

The new proposals are to:

Withdraw all county council funding for subsidised buses from October 2017. This means that unless they can be run commercially they will stop.

Withdraw funding for DAB services from October 2017.

Provide some funding for a new Demand Responsive Transport service.

Provide a new Door-to-Door Plus service for people who currently use DAB but would be unable to use the proposed DRT service.

DRT services would have to be booked. Passengers then turn up at a named location, on a specific day and at a given time. The drop off point is usually a nearby town.

Councillor Dean Collins, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure, said: We are facing unprecedented cuts and must view all our services, particularly those, like subsidised buses and community transport, that by law, we do not have to provide.

"We know from previous consultations that public and community transport is vital to helping people get out and about, enabling them to maintain their independence and wellbeing, but unfortunately, the fact is, we just don't have the money to continue funding these services to the level we have previously, so we need to look at running things differently"

Following previous consultation, from 1 April 2016, the Gold Card flat rate return fare will increase from £2 to £3 after 67% of Gold Card holders who responded to a proposal to raise the fare indicated they would be prepared to pay the higher price.

Originally it had also been proposed to withdraw funding for aCTive Travel journeys to healthcare services but these will now continue until 2020, using money from reserves.

Councillor Collins added: "We do listen to residents feedback". This is why, although they could be run by a different operator, we are continuing with transport to healthcare for the most vulnerable, because it was clear from the original consultation that these were vital services for people who would have no other way of getting to essential appointments.

"No decisions have been made yet on these latest proposals and I would encourage people to take part in this new consultation so we are well aware of the public's view of our plans".

The consultation will run for eight weeks until Sunday 24th April 2016. The questionnaire can be completed online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transportchanges

Printed copies will also be available from local libraries and community transport schemes.

Chairman's Column.
Word of warning.

Lesson learned.



It is ironic that in the last newsletter there was an article on NIPs Notice of Intended Prosecution, from the police when low and behold I myself received one in January, only to find that several of our residents have received a NIP for a similar offence. This was for exceeding the 30mph speed limit by as little as 5mph, which is so easily done if one's attention is briefly elsewhere. There is no excuse, we know it is wrong. However as far as speed warning goes anyone living in Pleasley and travelling toward Mansfield will not see a 30mph speed awareness sign until after the traffic lights at Radmanthwaite where it says you are in a 40pmh Zone, that unfortunately is no defence.

According to the instructors you should know that where there are street lights and houses you are in a 30 mph zone unless there are signs to tell you other wise, such as further along Chesterfield Rd in Radmanthwaite and there will be repeater signs along the way.

Through exceeding the MPH by a small amount you are given the choice of attending a Speed Awareness Course run by the AA which does sound daunting not knowing what it entails.

Much to what drivers think there is no tolerance 31mph is breaking the speed limit. You have a choice of Chesterfield or Ollerton even if you are caught in other parts of the country you can opt to go to Ollerton as I did.

When you attend a speed awareness course you will not be prosecuted and no penalty points go on your driving licence, the police are seeking to educate drivers as an alternative to prosecution. You attend a class of approximately thirty people and sit for four hours being lectured on the highway code and road safety.

The course costs £92-50 if in doubt of keeping the appointment you pay another £3-50 which allows you to change your appointment near the time, otherwise you can change early but if you do not attend or do not complete the course, that means go late or leave early you cannot take the course the police will consider prosecution. If it decided that you can take the course you have to pay again. There are three classes a day at £2790 per class well above £8000 a day is not a bad earner.

Drivers exceeding the speed limit well over the limit by several mph do not get a chance to participate or if a driver gets caught again within three years doing even a little over the limit they are prosecuted in court. You have the chance to attend again after the three years. Your offence is kept on record for six years The course does have its results sensible drivers do watch their speed in future and it does remind you of road sense.

Good drivers do not treat speed limits as a target. It is often not appropriate or safe to drive at the maximum speed limit.

Question asked, What are the three lanes on the motorway? Some drivers replied, slow lane, overtaking lane and fast lane.

The answer is quite clear there is no such thing as fast lane. All lanes are 70mph limit, for lorries 60mph. You should at all times travel in the first lane, use others lanes for overtaking slower vehicles and then return to first lane.

Tail gating is an offence which will be recorded in the future by a series of cameras to catch the offenders.

Pleasley Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer Appointment

As Brian Carnall is retiring at the end of March after 10 years service the post has been widely advertised. In answer to the advertisement there were 27 applicants. At a special meeting the Parish Council chose a short list of four to be interviewed.

After interviews the result was unanimous and Neil Pocklington from Pleasley was chosen to start in April.

From April onwards he will be able to be contacted on neil.pleasleypc@gmail.com or on telephone 01623-819786 where you can leave a message.

NEW HOUGHTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OPEN MEETING AND AGM

**SUNDAY 10th APRIL 2016 @ 11:00 hrs
OPEN MEETING AND AGM OF THE COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION**

THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, ROTHERHAM ROAD

**ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED
TO ATTEND**

An excerpt from The Daily Health.

TURMERIC

This humble bright yellow spice - a relative of the ginger plant - has been used for its medical properties for centuries to treat an array of health problems including digestive disorders, liver problems, and skin diseases. It has also been proven effective in stimulating bile flow-making it very beneficial for people suffering from both digestive and gall bladder problems.

In more recent years, turmeric's effectiveness against diabetes has been proven, and in a recent Swedish study the researchers found that turmeric can have a significant impact on the production of insulin in those suffering with diabetes

The numerous health benefits linked to turmeric are the result of the antioxidant power of curcumin—the compound that gives turmeric its bright yellow colour.

These antioxidants—known as curcuminoids—have been shown to be key nutrients in:

- Supporting memory function.
- Promoting heart health
- Boosting immunity.

Turmeric has also been considered a 'skin food' in Ayurvedic medicine for thousands of years and has been proven to be beneficial in :

Cleansing the skin and maintaining its elasticity.

Providing nourishment to the skin.

Balancing the effects of skin flora (microorganisms living on the skin).

In fact, Indian women have been using turmeric and ginger tea as an exfoliant and cleanser for centuries to help heal and prevent dry skin, slow ageing, diminish wrinkles and improve the skin's elasticity.

If you are dealing with problems from an aging prostate there is a natural solution that has a long history of use in Chinese and Indian medicine.

Turmeric, is one of the best ways to manage prostate health

Apply for free school meals.

There's no need to worry about other children knowing whether a child gets free school meals. Only the school and catering staff will know.

Councillor Caitlin Bisknell, our Deputy Cabinet Member for Children's Services, said:

"We want to make sure families are getting all the help they're entitled to. It's easy to check if you qualify and with family finances constantly being squeezed, it could make a big difference to your household budget."

Parents and carers are able to claim free school meals if they are on any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with an annual income of less than £16,190)
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Pleasley Parish Council Annual Scarecrow Festival

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Tea or Coffee & light refreshment for one is included in this with tea token inside the route map. Extra tea or Coffee for other visitors will be 50p per person.

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I would like to thank all those who entered a scarecrow in last year's festival - not only the entrants but the visitors also, and all those who helped to put the show on the road. The quality of all the scarecrows was excellent, and that is what makes the festival a success. There must be winners and losers no matter how good, so do not be disappointed. It's taking part that matters. Without your entries there would no festival. It is you that makes this event successful.

May I remind all those people who took the trouble to build a scarecrow last year, that it is the time to start thinking of your next scarecrow.

I know that many were under par in age, fitness and health but you did manage to make the effort and credit due to you. **NOW** is the time to think about your scarecrow for this year's festival in **June**.

Think of those who will benefit from your efforts. JOHN EASTWOOD HOSPICE.

You may enter **now** by filling in the form below, or email or phone the Chairman Cllr Howard Wright when you have decided. **We do need to know well in advance to prepare the event.**

If you wish to enter now contact the parish council chairman Cllr Howard Wright on 01623810486 or johnwright828@btinternet.com

The JOHN EASTWOOD HOSPICE will benefit from your efforts. You will be helping those in need to be more comfortable, both patients and families. The profits of the scarecrow festival will be donated to that cause. Please do your bit to help. Thank you.

PLEASLEY PARISH SCARECROW FESTIVAL.

**I WISH TO ENTER THE SCARECROW FESTIVAL FOR PLEASLEY
PARISH ON JUNE 11TH & 12TH 2016**

Name Telephone

Address

Please tear along the dotted line and return to 'Scarecrow' Verney Institute, Newboundmill Lane Pleasley NG197PL or Howard Wright 59 Newboundmill Lane, or contact johnwright828@btinternet.com ASAP & before 14th May.

Profits will to JOHN EASTWOOD Hospice Unit.

SIX Prizes will be awarded, to be judged by the public by voting for the Best scarecrow, £75 - Second £50, the next four £25 each.

COMPETITION TIME

The WORDSEARCH is;
15 English Counties
Closing date 1st July

NAME

Address.....

Tel No

Post entries in Verney Institute post box or 59 Newboundmill Lane or any councillor.

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Scarecrow Festival.

Just to remind those who participate in providing a scarecrow for our scarecrow festival please fill the entry form in and return it ASAP.

Without your efforts there will be no festival and no help towards the chosen charity, which is **John Eastwood Hospice Unit**. It is up to you.

The people who entered before will be contacted either by phone or email as a reminder.

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